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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Our Case No. 03-214-A)

In re Application of:)	
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Bao, et al.)	
)	Examiner: TBA
Serial No.: 10/789,831)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: February 27, 2004)	
)	Confirmation No.: 8249
For: Label-Free Gene Expression Profiling)	
With Universal Nanoparticle Probes in)	
Microarray Assay Format)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendment.

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